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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. YOU SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"I HAVE MET SAM NUJOMA AND A SWAPO DELEGATION ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN BRINGING SOUTH AFRICA CLOSER TO A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT.
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I SUMMARIZED THE POINTS CONTAINED IN OUR PROPOSAL FOR NAMIBIA.

3. "NUJOMA, IN REPLY, READ TO ME THE PROGRAM WHICH SWAPO'S

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAD DEVELOPED. YOU KNOW THESE VIEWS

ALREADY. THE PROGRAM IS THE SAME ONE YOU COMMUNICATED TO ME EARLIER. I TOLD NUJOMA THAT, WHILE WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS, THE POSITION HE OUTLINED IS UNLIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED IN ANY NEAR-TERM FUTURE.

4. "NUJOMA AGREED TO RETURN TO LUSAKA AND TOGETHER WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SWAPO CONSIDER THE MATTER FURTHER. HE ALSO PLANS TO TALK WITH YOU. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT AN INFLEXIBLE APPROACH TO A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT MAY JEOPARDIZE THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE TO REACH THE OBJECTIVE WHICH BOTH OF US AND THE NAMIBIANS WISH TO ACHIEVE. AS I TOLD THE SWAPO PRESIDENT, I BELIEVE THE ESSENTIAL POINTS IN HIS CASE HAVE BEEN LARGELY OBTAINED. SWAPO HAS MOST OF WHAT IT NEEDS TO PROCEED TO A CONFERENCE. I AM CONVINCED THE SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT A NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH INCLUDES ONLY SWAPO, THEMSELVES AND THE UNITED NATIONS. SOUTH AFRICA, IN ITS TURN, MAY WELL BE TEMPTED TO TAKE A FIRM STAND AND DEAL WITH THE VIOLENCE WHICH WILL FOLLOW.

5. "SWAPO'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION, THE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION IT ENJOYS FROM THE OAU AND THE UN AND ITS SUPERIOR ORGANIZATION WILL ENSURE SWAPO A KEY POSITION IN THE GENEVA TALKS AND IN POST-INDEPENDENCE NAMIBIA. MY MEETING WITH NUJOMA, WHICH RECEIVED HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE, CAN ONLY CONFIRM SWAPO'S PREEMINENT POSITION.

6. "SWAPO'S REMAINING CONCERNS CAN BE DEALT ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. SWAPO NEED NOT ACCEPT THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFINITION OF THE GENEVA TALKS. THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA MAY BE CHARACTERIZED BY EACH SIDE IN ITS OWN WORDS. SWAPO COULD SETTLE THE MATTER OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION QUITE EASILY ONCE THE TALKS START. I

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ASSUME THAT SWAPO WILL RAISE SUBJECTS, LIKE THE PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, EARLY IN THE GENEVA MEETING. IN DOING SO, SWAPO WILL INVOLVE THE CONFERENCE IN DIRECT TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

7. "THE DECISION IS ONE FOR SWAPO TO TAKE BUT NUJOMA GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WILL DISCUSS THE CHOICES OPEN TO HIM IN HIS MEETING WITH YOU. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW WE CAN PROCEED. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER." KISSINGER

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